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## WESTERN SLOPE LEGAL INSTITUTE

*By* JOHN C. BANKS\*

THE awakening of the lawyers of Colorado to the realization of the values to be derived from better organized bar associations and the holding of legal institutes continued its sweep over the state with the meeting of the lawyers of the Western Slope at Grand Junction on April 15th.

This Legal Institute was held under the active sponsorship of the Mesa County Bar Association and at the suggestion and with the encouragement of the Colorado Bar Association's Committee on Legal Institutes, through its chairman, William R. Kelly of Greeley. Over fifty per cent of the lawyers in fifteen widely scattered counties of the Western Slope attended the meeting. At the afternoon session Mortimer Stone spoke on the subject of Contracts for the Sale of Real Estate and distributed a comprehensive outline of points which should not be overlooked in the preparation of such contracts. Following this talk, a discussion was had on the requirements as to default provisions and the manner of protecting the vendor against the clouding of the title by the purchaser's recording the agreement. Many questions were asked which led to an exchange of ideas and practices among the lawyers from the various communities.

Farrington R. Carpenter of Hayden, Colorado, formerly the head of the Division of Grazing of the U. S. Department of the Interior, gave an interesting talk on the growth of the various grazing laws and the reasons for the interpretations which have been given to them by the department.

Hon. John R. Clark of Glenwood Springs presented a resolution, endorsed by all the Western Slope lawyers, to secure a state convention of the Colorado Bar Association at some date in the future for Glenwood Springs.

At six-thirty dinner was held in the Blue Room of the La Court Hotel. Charles M. Holmes, president of the Mesa County Bar Association, served as toastmaster. Max Melville of Denver spoke on the Unlawful Practice of the Law, and pointed out how the Colorado Supreme Court has been very lenient in its interpretation of what constitutes unauthorized practice.

William R. Kelly brought the greetings of the Colorado

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Bar Association to the institute and told of the enthusiastic reception which the legal institutes had received in various parts of the state.

The lawyers present from Delta, Gunnison, Montrose and San Miguel counties expressed the desire for an organization of lawyers in those counties, together with those in the counties of Hinsdale and Ouray which were not represented, so that they could be admitted into the Colorado Bar Association as a unit. Plans were formulated and a committee appointed to proceed with the formation of such a bar association.

Much credit and praise for the way the meeting was handled should be given to the Mesa County Bar Association's Committee on Legal Institutes, consisting of Silmon Smith, chairman, E. B. Adams and William Weiser, all of Grand Junction, and also to Eugene Mast, secretary.

#### WELD COUNTY BAR MEETS

The Weld County Bar Association held its monthly meeting in Greeley at The Inn, Friday evening, April 7, at which there were twenty-one members present. Among them was Mrs. Shirley Payne, attorney at law, of Windsor, Colorado. Mr. Fred Winner of the Denver bar was a guest of the local association.

Mr. Max D. Melville of Denver spoke to the group on the pertinent subject, "The Illegal Practice of Law," which problem has been progressively commanding the attention of the members of the profession.

Members of the local association whole-heartedly endorsed the expressions of Mr. Melville.

Mr. Charles C. Townsend, president of the local bar, named Robert G. Smith, B. A. Woodcock, and John W. Henderson, all of Greeley, as a committee on nominations to effect a report for the forthcoming meeting in May, at which time new officers will be installed.

JOHN W. O'HAGAN, *Secretary-Treasurer, Weld County Bar Association.*

Judge John B. O'Rourke has appointed the following members of the bar of the Sixth Judicial District to revise the rules of court for the district:

A. R. Mollett, Durango, Chairman  
L. M. Perkins, Durango  
Reese McCloskey, Durango  
John H. Galbreath, Pagosa Springs.

Chairman Mollett reports that a draft of the proposed revision will be presented to the Southwestern Colorado Bar Association for examination and suggestions at the next meeting of the association.

Albert P. Fischer of Fort Collins was elected president of the Larimer County Bar Association at the annual meeting held recently in Fort Collins. Arthur E. March of Fort Collins was selected as vice-president, and Dale E. Shannon of Fort Collins as secretary-treasurer.

The main speaker of the meeting was Judge Claude Coffin, who discussed "The Perfect Jury." Judges and ex-judges seemed to have monopolized the program, as all of the officers, except Mr. Shannon, are ex-judges, and the speaker came from the bench.

Immigration of lawyers to Larimer County in the past few months has become exceedingly heavy. It is rumored that the quota has been used up for many years to come.

There are five newcomers to the locality: Ray A. Gunning, formerly of Denver, has opened a law office in the First National Bank Building, Loveland; Jerome Smith, graduate of Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa, has started to practice law in the Colorado Building, Fort Collins; Robert McCreary, graduate of Washington University, at Washington, D. C., has opened up law offices in the Wilson Block; G. Herman Howard, graduate of Southwestern University, at Los Angeles, California, has hung up his shingle in the Lyric Building, Fort Collins; and Dale E. Shannon, graduate of Kansas University, has become associated with Fred W. Stover and Herbert A. Alpert in Fort Collins.

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